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Subject: 2nd Review of Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations,
Northern Stone Supply, Inc., Turquoise Stone Quarry, M/003/020, Box Elder
County, Utah

Dear Mr. Garahana:

The Division has completed our review of Northern Stone Supply's draft Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Turquoise Stone Quarry, located in Box Elder County, Utah, which was received June 6, 2005. We have also reviewed your draft comments of August 11, 2005.

At this time, the Division has no additional comments to make regarding this plan. However, please ask the operator to respond to the BLM comments as he did with the last review (addressing only the comments in the review document and providing redline/strikeout text to identify the changes made. The Division has not calculated reclamation cost for this project. We will coordinate this effort with the BLM after Northern Stone has finalized the plan. While the BLM is acting as lead for this review, the Division requests that the final reclamation surety be held jointly with the Division holding the actual instrument since both BLM and Fee property are involved (it is our understanding that the BLM cannot hold a bond for non-federal lands).

The Division will suspend further review of the Turquoise Stone Quarry Notice of Intention until Northern Stone Supply's response is received. If you have any questions in this regard please contact me, or Lynn Kunzler of the Minerals Staff. Thank you for your coordination of this permitting action.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
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cc: Gary Mullard, Operator

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